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Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - OCT 2023

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.
(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park)

Last meeting : 14th OCT 2023. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : 10th OCT 2023. 6:30pm.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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2021-2022 Committee

President	- Paul Ellison	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Vice President	- Dave Maunder	
Secretary	- Jodie Thompson	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
Newsletter Editor	- Dave Maunder	
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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

October long weekend saw a quick trip to Sofala and Hill End. Those that went enjoyed themselves to no end. We had it all—dust, wind, dust and more dust. And incredibly busy ! The water in the river was rather brisk so unfortunately there was not much swimming.

Big thanks to our sponsors ARB and TJM for their continued support in donating raffle prizes each and every year. It goes without saying that it is greatly appreciated.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. 10/OCT 2023

Meeting opened: 6:40pm. 6 members present. 1 visitor.
Members in attendance: Sean, Graeme, Paul, Mel, Dave. Visitors : Terry.
Chair: Paul Ellison
Apologies: Colin, Leanne, Chrissy, Rick & Katrina, Jodie, Adrian.

Welcome, and welcome to visitor being prior member, Terry Collins (2004 –2010)

Business arising
Dave to still contact Dave re: booking for 'The Farm' (Rick Porters) for January 2023 long weekend
Discussion still to be had re Vic High Country. Was loosely discussed during Sofala trip.

Financials
Not available but assume:
Reserve account: $3091.40
Working account: $567.75

New Business
Nill.

Correspondence in
- September Port Mac Newsletter.

Correspondence Out
- September Clubs Newsletters to members, clubs and sponsors.
- Ad went up on to Tamworth 4wd Enthusiasts Facebook page for Sofala tag-along trip. Received zero enquiries.

General business
Quick discussion on members presenting / displaying at the new growing Car meet-ups to get our name out into the public. Next Car meet up is 22/Oct.

Stubby Holders for sale. $10.00 each. See Paul, see ad.

Discussion / re-cap on Sofala / Hill end trip that was had over the October long week-end..

Meeting closed : 7:15pm

TRIPS AND TRIP IDEAS

Family Fun Day Weekend - Richard.
A family fun day weekend (invite out to the public) to entice potential new club members. Three legged races for kids, novelty course. Billy boiling competition from nix, Cook off comp and/or camp oven night.

Terri-Hie-Hie to Ningulailly Pub - Richard.
Cruisey trip sightseeing the partial outback and end up at a pub.
Discussion about trip—may need to be a long weekend due to the five plus hour drive out. Further investigation on suitable time.
To be thought out / designed.

Vic High Country - Col. April 2024.
See details over a few pages.

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set and further info to be found.

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

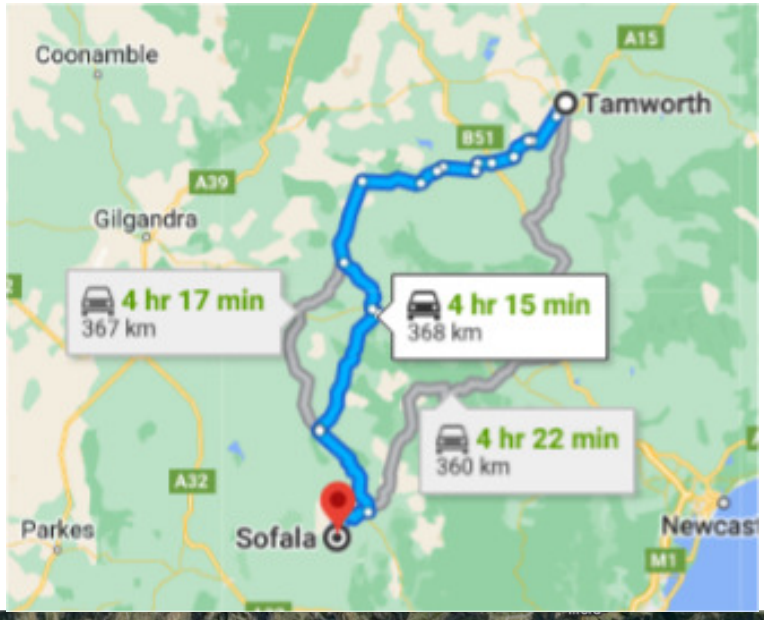
Coolah Tops trip – Dave.
Postponed , not cancelled, until main forest road gates are re-opened.
Even with gates closed, can still go to two waterfalls (when not in drought), and around five camping locations. Need to book via National Parks.

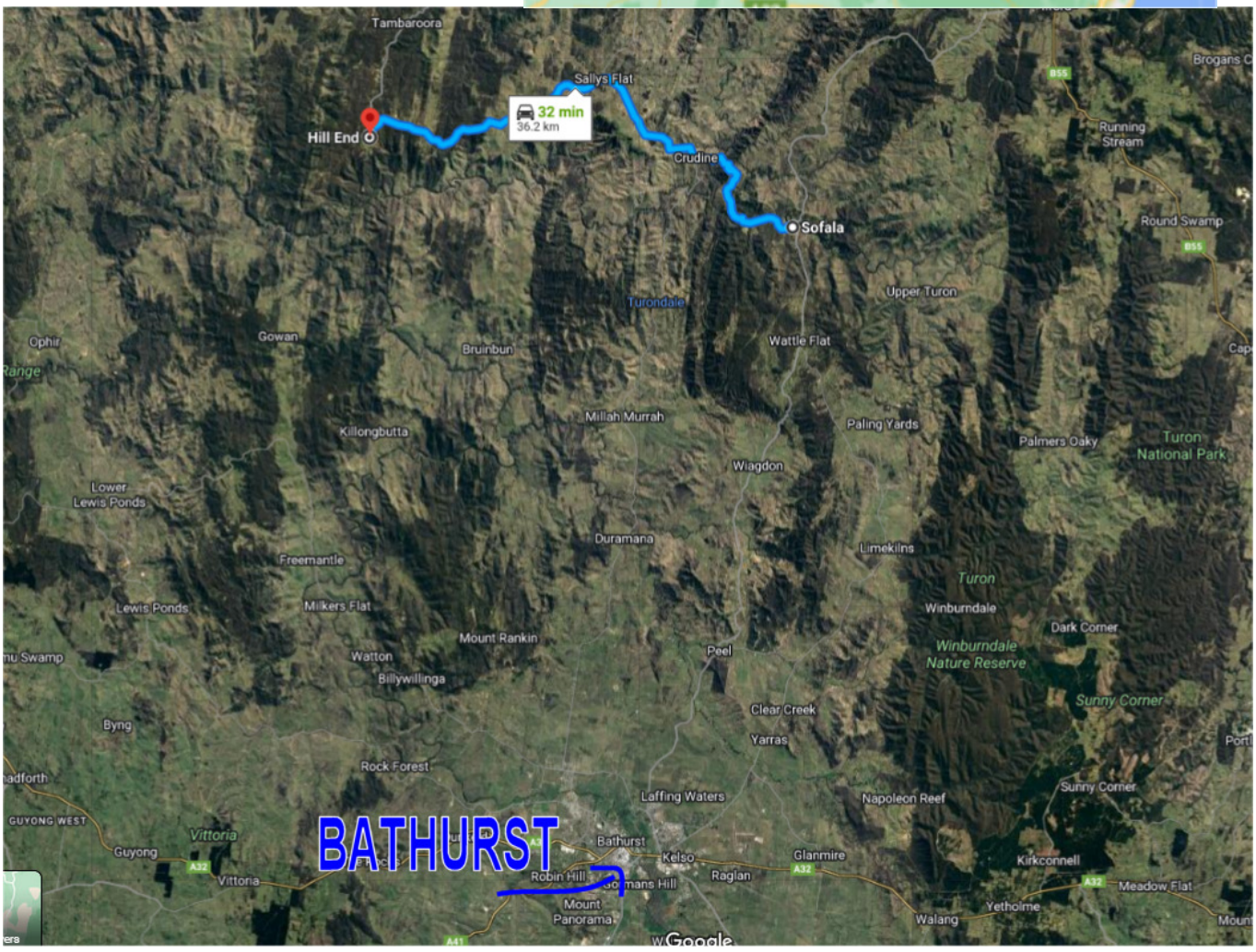
Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler. $10.00 each.

Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Sofala to Hill End trip (October Long-weekend)

Saturday morning at 8:00am, Colin and Paul & Mel met up at Northgate Coles, and, knowing that noone else had made any interest in going on the trip, left on the dot, heading towards the outskirts of Quirindi to meet up with Dave. After 15 minutes of waiting, Col rang Dave. Where are ya? I'm at Premer! Some slight miscommunication by Dave saw him wait another hour at Premer. A quick toilet break at Premer and we were on our way heading to Illford where we were to meet Graeme. Through Mudgee came the call **"Should we get fuel?"**





...Nah, there's fuel at Hill End. It'll be right.

We met Graeme on the park just out of Illford, and took off heading for Sofala. Pulled up around 1:30pm-ish, we then spent a good hour leisurely wandering around the town looking at all of the artwork in peoples front yards. We then headed to Hill End and were awaiting on news to see if Matt Ellison was on trip. The message came through that that was a negative, so after scouting around the town for the fuel we headed off to find a camp spot on the river along the Bridle Track.

Fuel at Hill End : $2.95 - Yes, it cost us around $177.00 for 60 litres of diesel between three of us ! And one would have thought that the fellow would have been smiling from ear to ear seeing us coming; unfortunately he was a grumpy bugger. It was as though we were a huge inconvenience to him.

Driving along Bridle Track (super duper express way) , we soon realised that finding a camp spot was not going to be an easy task. Spot after spot after spot was jammed packed with other campers. Somewhere after what seemed to be 30 kilometres of driving (probably 12 to 15), Paul found one steep drop off side track, that the majority of traffic would have easily missed. I did. We tried it, and what a beaut little camp spot right beside the water. We quickly setup in the heat of the afternoon; the water was inviting but unfortunately was both shallow and a little bit on the brisk-ish side.

We sat back and relaxed for the rest of the afternoon; fortunately we were right beside a huge flood debris pile, so there was no shortage of firewood. At 2pm noone would have thought that we needed a fire that night. After the sun had set, the temperature dropped rapidly and the five of us sat around the fire for a few hours before some saw bedtime come. Col and I yabbered on about Nissan Patrol garbage until around 11:15pm and called it quits.
Sunday morning : Graeme was up and going by 5:30am making all sorts of noises making his 15 cups of coffee. We were all up by around 7:30, breakfast be had, and on our way by 8:30am-ish, continuing along the Bridle Track.
Camp spot after camp spot was filled by other campers. I am wanting to say that there could have been a thousand vehicles in the tens & tens & tens of camping spots that we passed; both sides of the river, all along the Bridle Track. We continued on and once we hit the bitumen at a Y-intersection, we decided to stick with the dirt track—which got rid of all traffic apart from one flying Hilux idiot. A few hours later saw us back in at Sofala.

A bit of deliberation, thought, and indecisiveness, we had a go at looking for a Sunday camp spot further upstream from Sofala. And low & behold, we nabbed a nice little spot for ourselves in amongst the Oak Trees and somewhat on the rocky river bed. After setting up , Graeme got bored and we went on two short walks around the area. A few hours later saw the five of us set off upstream for a decent bit of a walk. We found a pristine camp spot right on the river, unfortunately it was in private land. Owners are lucky to own that spot. If the water in the River on Saturday was brisk, then the water here was downright freezing. A quick dip in and out was had once or twice; far too cold to stay in for a minute.
Warm weather and very windy conditions saw a total fireban, so we didn't have a camp fire that night. Instead, we were entertained for possibly two hours by moths & bugs swirling around a work light pointing upwards on top of Graeme's Navara's roof.

In the morn, we packed up and set off by around 9am.
At Illford we went separate ways, I followed Graeme back to Denman via the Goulburn Valley Way through Kandos & Rhylestone, while Col, Paul & Mel went home via Mudge, Coolah, Premer.

All in all, it was a great get away weekend.

Victoria High Country April 2024 – General Plan

Day 1. 8th April. 320km. Leaving Tamworth 8th April 2024.Meet in Dubbo (Bunnings) on Mitchell Highway. Travelling to Cootamundra. 321 km. Find a camp site.

Day 2. 9th April. 269km. Junee, Gundagai, Tarcutta, Holbrook & Yackandandah. Site seeing along the way.

Day 3. 10th April. 72km, 111km. Yackandandah, Beechworth, Glenrowan (explore area). 72km. On to Mansfield via Whitfield. Find a camp for two days. 111km.

Day 4. 11th April. 62km. Mansfield to Craig's Hut, overnight in swags. Rough track lo-range driving for part.

Day 5. 12th April. 0km. Rest Day.

Day 6. 13th April. 281km. Mansfield to Omeo. Sight seeing along the way. Find a campsite. Base camp.

Day 7. 14th April. Explore the area over following days, with rest day. We then set a plan each night to see areas, such as Casillis, numerous huts, Blur Rag range, Dogs Grave, Falls Creek, overnight swag trip to Dargo. Bright, Mount Hotham, Mount Beauty.

Day 12. 19th April. 100km. Head towards Tom Groggin. Possible 3 nights. Exploring Kosciusko National Park.

Day 15. 22nd April. To be decided and worked out.

Day 18. 25th April. 1200 km.

Heading towards home on the 25th, to be home on the 27th April.

This itinery is not set in stone - there will be a meeting & BBQ at Col & Leanne's closer to the date and when it is known who will be attending the trip, to see what others would like to see and do during the trip.

Please notify Col and/or Leanne as soon as you can if you are coming on this Vic High Country trip. Ph: Col 0407 617 442 or Leanne 0408 605 343.

Three week trip. Pack for cold & wet weather. Possible snow. Be prepared !
Grade trip from one through to a hard three (out of a rating of five).
Majority of the trip will be cruisey grade one.

Max number of vehicles on trip : 8 vehicles.

Current list going :
Col & Leanne Middleton
Paul Ellison & Mel Bridge
Dave & Karma Walters
Graeme Hodge as a high possibility.
Dave Maunder

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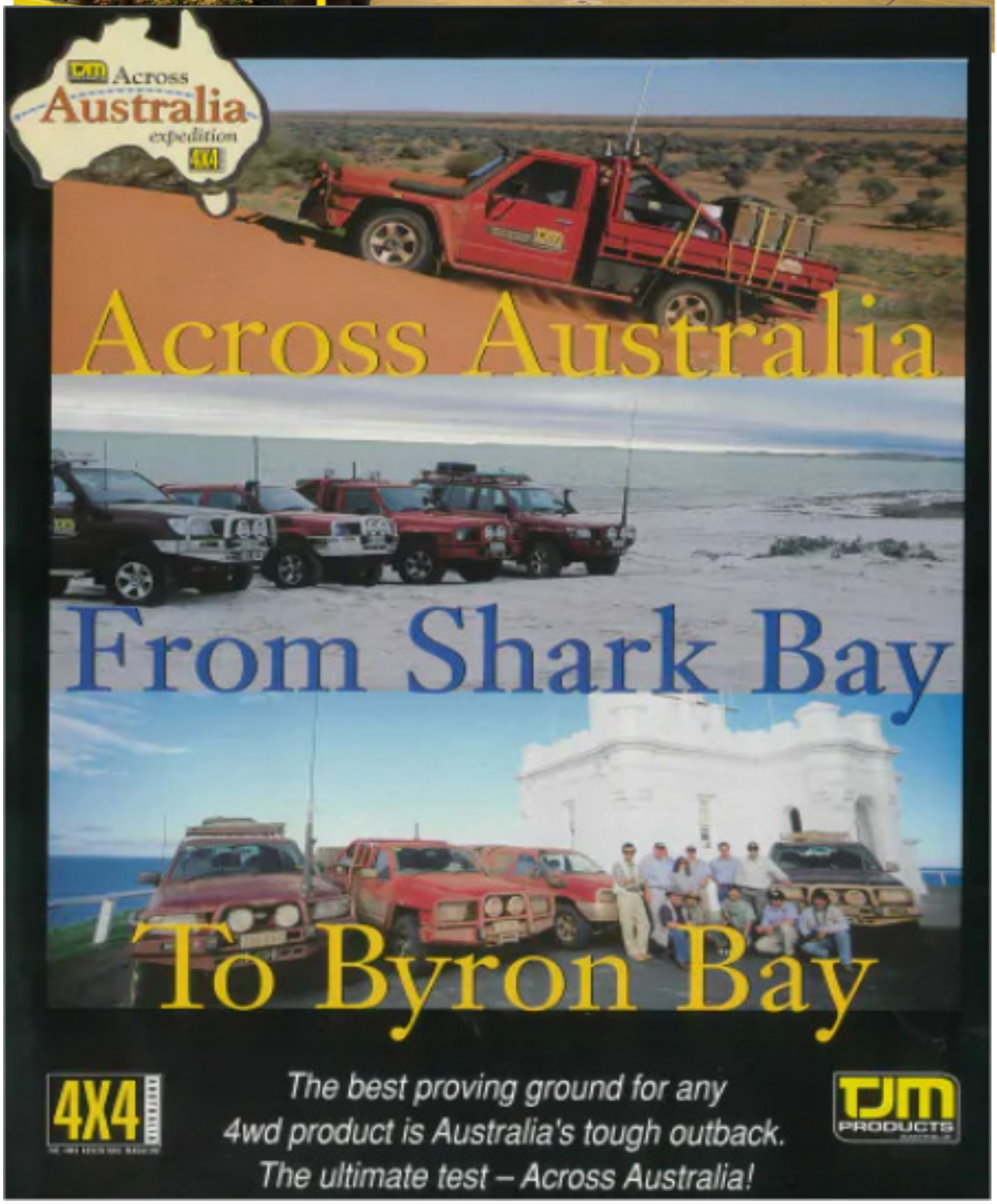

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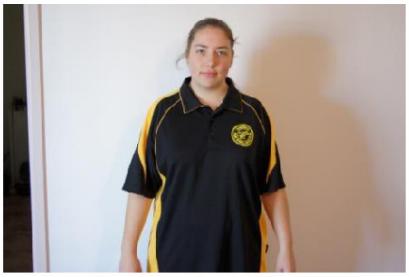
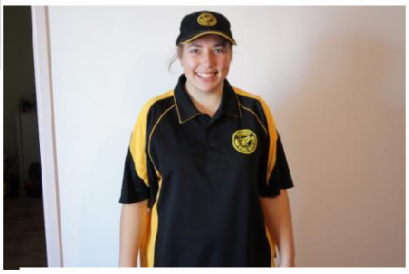
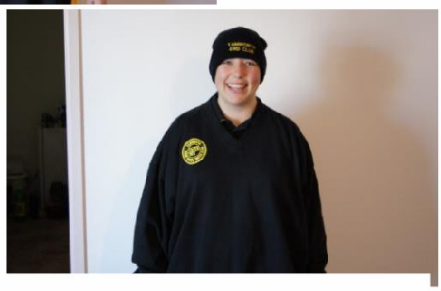
Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



Adults:

- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
:0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343
Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

First Name: …… DOB: ……

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

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Model: ……

Year: …… Registration: ……

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

Emergency contact phone number: ……

Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

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In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

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Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

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